

Appl. No. 09/764,338
Amdt. dated September 16, 2005
Reply to Office Action of May 24, 2005

REMARKS

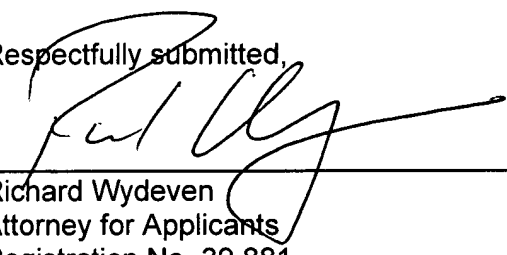
Claims 1-17 are pending.

In the advisory action dated September 6, 2005, the Examiner suggested that the rejections of claims 1-17 under 35 USC 101 could be overcome by amending the claims to incorporate language indicating that the claimed method is computer-implemented and that at least one of the steps is performed on a computer. The Examiner further indicated that such an amendment would not, however, overcome the rejections of claims 1-17 under 35 USC 103.

To reduce the number of issues for possible appeal, the above amendments are made to adopt the Examiner's suggestion.

Respectfully submitted,

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